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Re:

U. S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/796,401 entitled "VARIABLE ION HAIR

STYLING APPLIANCES" by Michael Cafaro; Confirmation No. 9021

Our Ref. No.: HEL177/4-11US

Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced patent application are the following:

- 1: Amendment Under 37 CFR 1.116 and Response to Final Office Action of June 29, 2005; and
- 2. A return postcard to acknowledge receipt of this document. Please date stamp and mail this postcard.

Should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, the Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from VINSON & ELKINS L.L.P. Deposit Account No. 22-0365/HEL177/4-11US/78000.

Respectfully submitted,

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Application of: Michael Cafaro

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For: VARIABLE ION HAIR STYLING

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116 AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION OF JUNE 29, 2005

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Sir:

This paper is a response to a Final Office Action of June 29, 2005, the due date for response for which is September 29, 2005. This paper is thus believed to be timely filed. No fees are believed to be due with the filing of this paper, however should any fees be deemed to be due for any reason according to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct the appropriate fees from Vinson & Elkins deposit account number 22-0365/HEL177/4-11US. Entry of the following amendments and reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.